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65 Great Western Road,
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To the Trustees *of*
Anderson's College, Glasgow.

Gentlemen,

I beg leave to offer myself as a Candidate for the office of Lecturer on Aural Surgery in Anderson's College.

I graduated at Glasgow University with highest honours in Medicine in 1868, and I have since been admitted a Fellow of the Faculty of Physicians and Surgeons of Glasgow.

Since my graduation I have been engaged in the practice of my profession in Glasgow; and, for several years past, the department of Aural Surgery has occupied most of my attention.

I studied this subject under the most noted aural specialists in London; subsequently, I went to Vienna and attended the Cliniques of Professors Politzer, Gruber, and Urbantschitsch, and I had the further advantage of private instruction from the first named, who is perhaps the most famous Aural Surgeon living.

Two years ago I was appointed Aural Surgeon to the Glasgow Western Infirmary, where I have conducted the clinical instruction of the students in Ear-diseases, and I have treated very large numbers of patients in the Aural Dispensary there.

If appointed to this Lectureship its interests will have my most earnest attention.

I am, GENTLEMEN,

Your obedient Servant,

THOMAS BARR, M.D.

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1878. Review of Professor Politzer's German work on diseases of the ear, in the "Glasgow Medical Journal," December, 1878.

1878. Opening Address to the Students attending the Aural Clinique in the Glasgow Western Infirmary. Delivered November 30th, 1878. Published by James MacLehose, Glasgow, 1878.

1879. Value of the Tuning-fork in the Diagnosis of Disease of the Auditory Nerve. Lecture delivered at the Aural Clinique, Glasgow Western Infirmary, and published in the "Glasgow Medical Journal," October, 1879.

TESTIMONIALS.

I.

From JOSEPH LISTER, Esq., F.R.S., *Professor of Clinical Surgery in King's College, London.*

12 PARK CRESCENT, PORTLAND PLACE,
LONDON, 14th October, 1879.

DR. THOMAS BARR attended two courses of my lectures on the Principles and Practice of Surgery in the University of Glasgow, and in both years obtained a first class certificate of merit. At the close of his studentship he took the very distinguished position of graduating with highest honours, given for superior attainments in all departments of the medical curriculum.

These facts afford sufficient evidence of DR. BARR'S great intellectual endowments, as well as of the zeal with which he applied himself to the study of his profession.

During the years which have since elapsed DR. BARR has devoted special attention to affections of the ear, which he has studied under the highest authorities in London and Vienna; and for the last two years he has been

occupied in treating such complaints in his capacity of Aural Surgeon to the Glasgow Western Infirmary, where he has also given lectures on the subject. From sources in which I have entire confidence, I learn that DR. BARR'S opinion and practice in diseases of the ear are very highly esteemed by his professional brethren in Glasgow; and, understanding that he is now a Candidate for the office of Lecturer on Aural Surgery at Anderson's College, I venture to recommend him very strongly for that appointment.

JOSEPH LISTER.

II.

From JOHN B. COWAN, ESQ., M.D., *Professor of Materia Medica, University of Glasgow.*

159 BATH STREET,
GLASGOW, 14th October, 1879.

I AM of opinion that DR. THOMAS BARR is eminently qualified for the Lectureship of Aural Surgery about to be instituted in Anderson's College.

He was a distinguished student in the University of Glasgow and took his degree with honours. For some years past he has specially devoted himself to the study and practice of Aural Surgery, and published papers on subjects belonging to that branch, which are characterized by judgment and ability.

For two years he has held the appointment of Aural Surgeon to the Western Infirmary, a position which gives him unusual opportunities both for observation and research.

I know no man in the profession more likely than DR. BARR to give a stimulus and example to students of Ear Disease.

JOHN B. COWAN.

III.

From W. T. GAIRDNER, ESQ., M.D., *Professor of Practice of Medicine in the University of Glasgow.*

I AM very well acquainted with DR. THOMAS BARR, whom I came to know in the first instance as a most distinguished student, and afterwards for some years as a most trustworthy and thoroughly efficient practitioner of medicine and surgery.

Of late years DR. BARR has turned his attention specially to aural practice, and although this specialty is not one of which I can presume to have any independent opinion of my own, I have had occasion to know that DR. BARR has studied under the best teachers of it, while his own previous character and attainments were such as to ensure his having adopted the special practice in a large and comprehensive spirit, and so to be able to teach and follow it as a branch of the great science and art of medicine in general. On these grounds I can conscientiously recommend DR. BARR to the Directors of Anderson's College.

W. T. GAIRDNER, M.D.

IV.

From T. M'CALL ANDERSON, ESQ., M.D., *Professor of Clinical Medicine, University of Glasgow.*

14 WOODSIDE CRESCENT,
GLASGOW, Oct. 1879.

I HAVE known DR. THOMAS BARR for a good many years, and have learnt to esteem him highly. He has studied Aural Surgery with much assiduity and success, and I believe him to be, in EVERY respect, remarkably well qualified for the office of Lecturer on that subject at Anderson's College.

T. M'CALL ANDERSON.

V.

From A. WOOD SMITH, ESQ., M.D., F.F.P.S.G., *Physician to, and Lecturer on the Practice of Medicine in, the Glasgow Royal Infirmary; formerly Lecturer on Practice of Medicine in Anderson's College.*

AFTER an unbroken acquaintance of fully fifteen years with DR. THOMAS BARR, I feel warranted in adding my testimony to the many good and high-class qualities possessed by him, which ought to be known to the Trustees of Anderson's College, as DR. BARR is a Candidate for the Lectureship on Aural Surgery.

During his attendance at the Glasgow University and in the wards of our Royal Infirmary, he was very earnest,

and equally successful in acquiring a thorough knowledge of his future profession, and his labours were duly acknowledged by "Honours" being accorded him when he graduated in 1868.

Since his University career DR. BARR has been engaged in a very extensive practice as a Physician, and from his publications I know that he was most painstaking in the management of his cases.

Within the last few years DR. BARR has devoted much attention to diseases of the Ear, and for a time he relinquished his home and practice to study this specialty under the most distinguished men in London and Vienna.

The Directors of the Western Infirmary have acknowledged his abilities by electing him as the Aural Surgeon to that institution, and there he has lectured and held a "clinique."

I may add DR. BARR has already proved by his writings on Ear affections, and reviews of German works, that he is most enthusiastic in working up this branch of our science, and I well know, by his kindliness of heart and perfect honesty of purpose, that, if elected by the Trustees of Anderson's College, he will fulfil the duties of this new Lectureship with credit to the School and increasing renown to himself.

A. WOOD SMITH, M.D.

VI.

From JAMES FINLAYSON, ESQ., M.D., *Physician and Lecturer on Clinical Medicine in the Glasgow Western Infirmary; author of "Clinical Manual for the Study of Medical Cases"* (*London*, 1878); *Hon. Librarian to the Faculty of Physicians and Surgeons, Glasgow; etc., etc.*

351 BATH STREET,
GLASGOW, October 7th, 1879.

I HAVE much pleasure in recommending DR. THOMAS BARR as very suitable for the post of Lecturer on Aural Surgery in Anderson's College.

He began by laying a good foundation of general medical knowledge and experience, as testified by his graduation *with honours* at the University here, and by his large general practice in this city for several years.

When he determined to engage in the specialty of Aural Surgery, he proceeded to London and Vienna to study under the most noted aural surgeons there. Subsequently, as aural surgeon in the Western Infirmary here, and in his private consulting practice in this department, I know that he has had ample opportunity for further study and practice.

During his connection with the Western Infirmary he has had occasion to instruct the students from the University School attending the *clinique* there, and two of his lectures delivered in this way have already been published.

For my own part, I have availed myself of his special knowledge by getting him to assist in the preparation and revision of the short section on aural subjects in my "Clinical Manual" recently published.

JAMES FINLAYSON, M.D.

VII.

From HECTOR C. CAMERON, ESQ., M.D., *Surgeon to the Glasgow Royal Infirmary, and Lecturer on Surgery in the Glasgow Royal Infirmary School of Medicine; Vice-President of the Glasgow Pathological and Clinical Society; formerly Surgeon to the Glasgow Eye Infirmary, etc.*

27 ELMBANK CRESCENT,
GLASGOW, 9th October, 1879.

I HAVE known DR. THOMAS BARR intimately during the last twelve years at least; and have a very high personal regard for him both as a friend and as a practitioner of medicine.

For many years he spent much time in the study and practice of Aural Surgery; and when he finally determined to devote his attention mainly to that branch of professional work, he went first to London and afterwards to Vienna and perfected his knowledge of the subject under the most celebrated aurists of the day.

From some opportunities which I have had of judging in the cases of patients whom I have requested to consult

him, I can confidently state that he is a skilful and successful aural surgeon; while thorough theoretical knowledge of this department of surgery combined with a facility and clearness of expression which characterize all he has written, are sure to make him a successful teacher.

For these reasons, I believe no one could well be found more suited for the appointment of Lecturer on Aural Surgery at Anderson's College.

HECTOR C. CAMERON.

VIII.

From JOHN G. M'KENDRICK, ESQ., M.D., *Professor of Physiology in the University of Glasgow.*

UNIVERSITY OF GLASGOW,
13th October, 1879.

DR. THOMAS BARR has conducted successfully a clinique in connection with diseases of the ear in the Western Infirmary during the past two years, and I have heard students speak in appreciative terms of his mode of teaching. I have read several of DR. BARR'S papers on diseases of the ear, and they give evidence of careful observation and sound reasoning. I believe he would be found fully competent for the office of Lecturer on Aural Surgery in the Anderson College.

JOHN G. M'KENDRICK.

IX.

From JOSEPH COATS, ESQ., M.D., *Pathologist and Lecturer on Pathology, Glasgow Western Infirmary; lately President of the Pathological and Clinical Society of Glasgow; Editor "Glasgow Medical Journal."*

33 ELMBANK STREET, W.,
GLASGOW, 14th October, 1879.

I HAVE much pleasure in recommending DR. THOS. BARR for the Lectureship on Aural Surgery in Anderson's College. I believe he is a faithful and diligent student of this subject, to which he has devoted much special attention, and the experience he has already gained gives him no mean advantage as a teacher of this branch of Medicine. DR. BARR'S published papers show that he is thoroughly alive to all that is being done by workers both at home and abroad towards the advancement of our knowledge of Diseases of the Ear and their treatment.

JOSEPH COATS.

X.

From JOHN ALEXANDER, ESQ., M.D., *Medical Superintendent of Glasgow Western Infirmary.*

WESTERN INFIRMARY,
GLASGOW, 8th October, 1879.

I HAVE pleasure in certifying that DR. THOMAS BARR has been Aural Surgeon to the Dispensary of the Western Infirmary during the last two years.

This department has been very largely attended, considering that it has been open for about two years only; there being generally twenty to twenty-five patients every week.

Some time ago the managers, having heard that DR. BARR was going to Vienna to study the latest improvements in Aural Surgery, gave a grant of money, so that he might get a complete set of instruments for the department, which he has done very satisfactorily.

DR. BARR has carried on the practical instruction of students during the last two winter sessions.

JOHN ALEXANDER.

XI.

From GEORGE P. FIELD, ESQ., M.R.C.S. Eng., *Aural Surgeon to St. Mary's Hospital, Author of "Diseases of the Ear"* (*London*, 1879).

31 LOWER SEYMOUR STREET, PORTMAN SQUARE,
LONDON, October 6th, 1879.

I HAVE much pleasure in stating that I have known DR. THOMAS BARR for some considerable time, and I believe him to be highly qualified for the office of Lecturer on Aural Surgery in Anderson's College, Glasgow.

Two years ago DR. BARR attended the aural department at St Mary's Hospital, and he then seemed to me to have a very thorough knowledge of diseases of the ear.

He has learnt much from the teaching of Politzer, Gruber, and others abroad; and, moreover, has himself gained large experience in treating aural cases in the Glasgow Western Infirmary.

He is, in my opinion, admirably well fitted for the post he is now seeking.

GEORGE P. FIELD.

XII.

From URBAN PRITCHARD, ESQ., M.D., F.R.C.S., *Aural Surgeon to King's College Hospital, Senior Surgeon to the Royal Ear Hospital.*

3 GEORGE STREET, HANOVER SQUARE,
LONDON, 3rd October, 1879.

I HAVE much pleasure in bearing testimony to the qualifications of DR. THOMAS BARR to fill the post of Lecturer on Aural Surgery.

I was able to judge of his special knowledge of the subject, and his ability to impart that knowledge, when he was attending the aural cliniques of London some two years ago.

This personal acquaintance with him, together with his published work, etc., enable me unhesitatingly to state that he is a good aural surgeon, and likely to prove a first-rate surgeon.

URBAN PRITCHARD.

XIII.

From W. LAIDLAW PURVES, ESQ., M.D., M.R.C.S. Eng., *Aural Surgeon to Guy's Hospital, London.*

6 STRATFORD PLACE, OXFORD STREET,
LONDON, 6th October, 1879.

DEAR DR. BARR,—It is with much pleasure that I hear of your intention to offer yourself as a candidate for a lectureship on Aural Surgery in Anderson's College.

Knowing as I do the pains you have taken to acquaint yourself with the principles and practice of Aural Surgery of the present day, and having seen and read with interest your various papers on the subject, I hope for the sake of this branch of surgery, that you will meet with the success which you deserve.

I am, yours truly,

W. LAIDLAW PURVES.

XIV.

From DR. JOS. GRUBER, *Professor of Aural Surgery, and Aural Surgeon to the General Hospital in Vienna.*

ICH bestätige hiemit, dass HERR DOCTOR THOMAS BARR, aus Glasgow, in den Monaten Juni und Juli 1878, meine Vorlesungen über theoretische und practische Ohrenheilkunde gehört, und sich in den ohrenärtlichen Operationen auf meiner

Klinik für Ohrenheilkunde eingeübt habe. HERR DOCTOR BARR hat bei dieser Gelegenheit eine sehr bedeutende manuelle Geschicklickkeit entwickelt, und sowohl während der Zeit unseres Beisammenseins als auch nachträglich durch seine fachwissenschaftlichen Publicationen bewiesen, dass ihm nicht nur eine gediegene allgemeine medicinisch-chirurgische Bildung eigen ist, sondern dass er auch in den Geist der Specialdoctrin eingedrungen ist.

JOS. GRUBER.

WIEN, 8 October 1879.

[TRANSLATION.]

I HEREBY certify that DR. THOMAS BARR, of Glasgow, attended my classes on theoretical and practical Aural Surgery in June and July, 1878, and that he practised operations on the ear in my clinique. DR. BARR at that time displayed very great manual dexterity, and showed likewise during the continuance of our connection, as well as afterwards by his scientific publications on this subject, that not only did he possess a sound knowledge of general medicine and surgery, but that he was also imbued with the true spirit of the specialist.

DR. GRUBER.

XV.

From DR. ADAM POLITZER, *Professor of Aural Surgery in the University of Vienna, and Superintendent of the Clinique for Diseases of the Ear in the General Hospital.*

DER Gefertigte bestätigt hiemit dass HERR MED. DOCTOR THOMAS BARR aus Glasgow den Cursus über *practische* Ohrenheilkunde im Sommersemester 1878 mit ausgezeichnetem Erfolge frequentirt hat.

DR. ADAM POLITZER.

WIEN, October, 1879.

[TRANSLATION.]

I HEREWITH testify that DR. THOMAS BARR, of Glasgow, attended my course on Practical Aural Medicine in the summer of 1878 with distinguished success.

DR. ADAM POLITZER.

VIENNA, October, 1879.

XVI.

From Dr. Vict. Urbantschitsch, *Lecturer on Diseases of the Ear in the Poliklinik, Vienna.*

Herr Dr. Thomas Barr aus Glasgow hat in den Monaten Juni and Juli '78 an der allgemeinen Poliklinik meinen Curs über Ohrenheilkunde frequentirt und an den practischen Uebungen den thätigsten Antheil genommen.

VICT. URBANTSCHITSCH.

Wien, October 1879.

[TRANSLATION.]

Dr. Thomas Barr of Glasgow attended my course of Lectures on Diseases of the Ear at the Poliklinik, in June and July, 1878, and took a most active part in the practical operations.

VICT. URBANTSCHITSCH.

Vienna, October, 1879.

XVII.

From Dr. Leopold Schrötter, *Professor of Laryngoscopy in the University of Vienna.*

Herr Dr. Thomas Barr aus Glasgow hat bei dem Gefertigten in den Monaten Juni und Juli einen Curs über "Laryngoscopie und Rhinoscopie" mit sehr gutem Erfolge gehört, und sich bei den practischen Übungen als sehr tüchtig bewährt.

L. SCHRÖTTER.

Wien, am 23 Juli 1878.

[Translation.]

Dr. Thomas Barr from Glasgow has attended my course on Laryngoscopy and Rhinoscopy in the months of June and July, with much success, and has proved himself very able in the practical work of the class.

LEOPOLD SCHRÖTTER.

Vienna, 23rd July, 1878.

ROBERT MACLEHOSE, PRINTER, GLASGOW.